

Washington, Dec. 6, 1849.

By some means or management, as you have seen or this, some of the publishers of newspapers have published the Postmaster General's report before the delivery of the President's message to Congress. Some complaint will be made, I suppose, that it did not appear simultaneously with the message. But considerable disappointment was realized by the fact that the House did not organize on Monday; and you should not be greatly surprised if the long report of the Secretary of the Treasury is published before the message. Indeed a synopsis of it appears in yesterday's Sun. The Postmaster General's report is a short, comprehensive, and clear statement of the affairs and condition of the Department for the last fiscal year.

The Postmaster General advises that the postage on letters be reduced to a uniform rate of 5 cents on letters, and newspapers may be sent to subscribers free of postage, who live within a prescribed distance from place of publication.

Still no Speaker has been elected for the House, and the excitement increases. Those who voted for Mr. Wintrop on Monday, still do so, and a few others. The friends of Cobb have dropped off to some extent, and the number of scattering votes has increased.

There is nothing from which an opinion may be formed as to how long this state of things may continue. A motion was made in the House that a plurality of votes should elect, but it had few supporters. The Senate meets each day and adjourns. In supreme Court yesterday, Judges Taney, McLean, Wayne, Catron, Daniel, Nelson, Woodbury and Green, were present; and the Court entered upon business. Father Mathew, it is said, has channeled the route he has proposed, and that he will visit Baltimore and Washington before going further South.

#### From the South Carolinian, Dec. 8. THE MEETING OF LAST NIGHT.

The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting of the members of the two Houses last evening. There being no regular report of the proceedings, we confine ourselves to the publication of the resolutions:

Resolved, That we regard with feelings of lively satisfaction the late movement in Mississippi in defence of the rights and interests of the South, and hail it with joy as the first step towards that firm, united, and concerted action among the Southern States which a sense of their common danger imperiously demands.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the State of Mississippi, of a Southern Convention to be held at Nashville on the first Monday in June next, should be cordially embraced by the whole South, that by common councils we may avert the common calamities impending over us, through the action of the General Government, driven on by the lust of power, and the fell spirit of fanaticism.

Resolved, That for the purpose of carrying out the recommendations of the people of Mississippi, it is expedient that, in legislative caucus, we should nominate four delegates to represent the State at large in the convention proposed to be held in Nashville.

Resolved, That still further to carry out the recommendations of the State of Mississippi, we respectfully recommend to the people of this State to meet together on the first Monday in April next, in the various parishes and districts of this State, to nominate as many delegates as they have members of the legislature, to meet on the first Monday in May succeeding, at some central and convenient point in their respective congressional districts; then and there to nominate two delegates to represent each congressional district in the State in the proposed convention.

Resolved, That entertaining a sincere desire to co-operate with our sister States of the South in any movement which they may deem necessary for the common good, and having entire confidence in the wisdom, integrity, and firmness of the Southern people, when assembled in said Convention, we feel and express an undoubted confidence that the people of the State of South Carolina will yield a faithful and unflinching support to any measure which said convention may recommend.

That ably conducted paper, the South Carolinian, in speaking of the proposed drainage laws, concludes a sensible article with these pertinent remarks:

It is generally known to our law makers, that every stream, from a brooklet up to our rivers, requires a strict surveillance relative to its drainage, in order to insure good health to the people. The typhoid form of fever has crept up into our mountain coves, and ravaged whole sections with a fatality equal to malignant cholera, and what is the cause? It originates, not in the pure mountain breezes, nor in the limpid streams which come dashing from the mountain heights—it is not contagious—but in some contiguous bottom, where decaying vegetation rots

in its deathly dampness, it finds its birth place, and insidiously steals upon the checks of health. So it is in the bilious fever regions of the State, only more general. We do not believe much could be done for the lower country, the natural reservoir for all the water flowing from the elevated hills in the back country—but with a little expense, under properly authorized regulations, the whole back country could be rendered in a great degree healthy.

Who is to be the man to carry into effect the required regulations, by giving it intelligence and fostering advocacy in the Legislature? Is he now one who already sits in the "seats of choice," or must the people at the next election select some "novus homo" to do this great service? We see energy and untiring devotion bestowed by members upon far more trivial matters, and if this matter were mingled with some scheme bearing upon a prospect of personal advancement or elevation we do not doubt but "legions" would claim to be its friend. Let this hint suffice for the present.

#### LATE FROM CALIFORNIA.

The steam ship Alabama, has arrived at this port in six days from Chagres, and brings ninety passengers. The California dates by her are to the 1st of November. She reports that the steamship California arrived at Panama on the 22d November, with a million and a half of gold dust. The accounts from the mines were of a favorable character.

The political news is interesting. The Constitution was to have been proposed to the people for adoption on the 15th November, and on the same day a Governor and two members of Congress were to have been elected. T. Butler King, who, it is stated, has resigned his seat as Representative in Congress from Georgia, is the prominent candidate for the U. S. Senate from the new State of California. Chap. Courier.

#### From Florida.—Intelligence has been received.

We are informed, at the proper Department, to the effect that the Chiefs of the Florida Indians (Boulegs and Sam Jones) have sent runners to Gen. Twiggs, informing him that their people have held a council and agreed to have another consultation with the General. The place appointed is Port Chok-kon-ka, on Peace creek, one day's march from their nearest town; and the time appointed is the 15th December. The prevailing opinion in Florida seems to be that the Florida Seminoles have concluded to accept the offers of our Government, and will probably be induced to emigrate to the West. This opinion is also concurred in by the Delegation from the West.

[Nat. Int. 5th inst.]

From Washington; Glad tidings from Missouri.—A letter from Washington received last night, gives the following cheering news with regard to the fate of one traitor:

"We have reliable information here that Missouri is safe. Benton is routed in all quarters of the State, and we may congratulate ourselves that one traitor at least is soon to meet his merited reward, from an indignant constituency, for his reckless and heartless treachery."

The same letter, which bears date on the 15th instant, confirms the accounts already given as to the posture of affairs at Washington, and the secession of Toombs, Stephens, Cabell, Hilliard Morton and Owen, from the Abig. nominees for speaker. The vote of our Delegation was divided.—Telegraph.

Kossuth's Proclamation to the Hungarian Refugees.—Kossuth issued the following proclamation to the Hungarian Refugees on the 18th of October. He signs himself "Governor of Hungary."

"I hereby make known the official declaration of his Excellency the Pacha.

"1. That his Majesty the Sultan, whom may God grant a long life, has determined that he will not give up to the enemy any who wish to remain; but that he will protect us, and afford us the rights of hospitality.

"2. Those who wish to partake of these rights of hospitality for the future, shall be supplied not only with food, hither to, but also with articles of clothing; nay, even in regard to their pay they may expect that indemnity which is compatible with the glory and renown of his Majesty Sultan. The hope is also held out that the officers may retain their rank, and without being compelled to change their religion, enter the Turkish service; and that it is contemplated to secure the destiny of all the emigrants, either by the formation of a colony, or in some other suitable manner."

REVOLUTION IN FRANCE.—The New York express has several letters from its Paris correspondent. In one of them he says the aspect of affairs is very gloomy, and there are serious threatenings of another revolution. That is very possible, though the real demonstration is probably a good way off.

Among the marriages intended in Boston, is that of Mr. Joy to Mercy O. Lord.

BREACH OF PROMISE.—SUNDAY CONTRACTS.—A suit for damages for the breach of a marriage contract, was lately tried in Philadelphia, where the defence set up was that the contract was made on Sunday, and therefore void. On this point, the Judge's charge to the jury is thus reported:

"That the law in regard to Sunday contracts did not extend to contracts of marriage, which, by many religious sects was considered as solemn sacraments, to be only sanctioned by impressive ceremonies."

The contracts made on Sunday, which are void, are those relating to worldly business. To hold that marriages solemnized on that day were void, would be to disturb thousands of marriages which have been contracted, and to render illegitimate a very large number of citizens. The jury found a verdict for plaintiff of \$3,000.

Cool as a Cucumber.—Two Worcester editors were candidate for the Legislature at the election. The Palladium thus chronicles the result.

The people of Worcester have elected the editor of the Spy to go to the legislature, and elected us to stay at home. That shows very plainly which they can spare best!

Mr. Burritt, the learned blacksmith, after above three years absence in Europe, has returned, and now occupies the chair of principal editor of the Christian Citizen, at Worcester.

Hon. S. A. Douglass, Senator from Illinois, the Jackson (Miss) Southron says, it is thought will oppose the Wilmot Proviso this winter.

The inland commerce of the United States is estimated at \$550,000,000 per annum.

#### HAMBURG MARKETS.

(REPORTED FOR THE KEEPER COURIER.)

HAMBURG, Dec. 12

We have a dull Cotton market; prices have declined  $\frac{1}{2}$  ct; we quote 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 extremes. Other articles remain as last noticed, with the exception of Coffee, which has materially advanced; it is now held in Baltimore at 12 cents by the cargo; it will probably sell at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 14 c. We quote 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cts. for the present. We have ice this morning, the first this winter.

Yours,	H.
Sugar	7 to 10c
Molasses	28 to 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
Salt	\$1.50 per sack.
Iron, Swede	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c.
Corn & meal	50 to 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
Bacon	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c
Flour	\$6.50
Tallow	9 to 10c
Beeswax	16c

#### MARRIED.

On Thursday evening last, by W. D. Steele, Esq., Mr. Basil S. Porter, of Lumpkin county, Ga., to Miss Sarah I. O'Brian, of this District.

E. B. BENSON & SON, ARE NOW RECEIVING AND OPENING THE LARGEST STOCK OF GOODS THEY HAVE EVER HAD IN PENDELTON.

Consisting in part of BROADCLOTHS, CASSIMERES SATINETS, MACKINAW, PILOT, BEAVER AND FELL COATINGS, SATIN, CASHMERE, V. L. VET. SWANS OWN AND CASSIMERE VESTINGS

#### ALSO,

TWEEDS KERSEYS KENTUCKY JEANS, AND various New Style Goods for Gentlemen and Ladies wear—Merinos and Alpaca's all colours, Late Style Bonnets, Ribbons, Flowers, Laces, Edgings, Fancy Buttons, Braids, Tapes, &c., &c.

#### ALSO,

A Fine assortment of Hardware, Crockery, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Drugs, Medicines, Smiths and Carpenters Tools, Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, Nails, Castings, Books and Stationery, Jewelry, Perfumery, Guns, Pistols, Powder, and lots of Yankee notions too tedious to mention.

Persons wishing to purchase would do well to give us a call, as it is against our principles to keep Goods long on hand.

Penelton, Dec. 11th, 1849. 31 2ins

#### CITATION.

F. N. Garvin having applied to me for letters to Administration on the Estate of Eli Fitzgerald, late of Pickens District deceased, The Kindred and Creditors are cited to appear before me on the 24th instant, to show cause if any they can, why said Administrator should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal 10th day of December, 1849.

W. D. STEELE, c. r. n.

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#### EXECUTORS SALE.

Will be sold at the late residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Caradine, dec'd., on Tuesday the 11th December next. Four head of Horses, 1 yoke Oxen and Cart, 1 two Horse Wagon and gear, 20 or 30 head of Cattle, 25 head Stock Hogs, 15 head of fattening Hogs, 1 Dutch Fan, Household and Kitchen Furniture, Plantation tools, &c. &c. Sold by order of the Court of Ordinary under the Will of Thomas Caradine, dec'd.

Terms:—Cash will be required for all sums under three dollars, of and above that amount, a credit of twelve months will be given, and note and good security required.

MILES M. NORTON, Att'y. For WM. G. CARADINE, Exor. P. S. The Plantation of the late Thos. Caradine will be rented on the same day, and several negroes hired. November 19, 1849.

#### NEW GOODS!

I take this method of informing my friends and the public generally, that I have just received a large and well selected stock of

Fall and Winter Goods, fresh from New York, of the latest styles; consist in part of the following named articles: Broad Cloths, Sattinets, Vest patterns, Over-Coats, Fancy Prints, Alpaca's, plain and silk striped; Homespuns, bleached and brown; Gingham, white checked Muslin, Jaconet and Printed do., Flannels, Apron Checks, &c., &c.

Bonnets, Hats and Caps, of almost every shape and style; Groceries, Hardware, Crockery-ware, Shoes, Saddles, Brides, Medicines, &c., all of which I will sell low for cash or good names; and I flatter myself that my friends who have patronized me so liberally in Hamburg, will extend their patronage here likewise. I hope, at least, that they will call and examine my stock of Goods before trading elsewhere.

Any amount of Beeswax, Tallow and Seed-Cotton will be taken in payment for Goods.

J. J. HOWARD.

Holly Hill, Pickens Dist., Nov. 21, 1849. 28

#### FAIR WARNING!

ALL persons indebted to the undersigned either by Note or book account are earnestly entreated to make payment between now and January next, (1850.) as I am closing up my business in Hamburg. After this notice, and payments not made within the time mentioned above, I hope those indebted to me will not think it unfair if they find their notes and accounts in hands of proper officers for collection.

J. J. HOWARD.

P. S.—Should I be absent at any time, my Books and Notes will be left in the hands of Messrs. Brindley, Rosmond & Smith, to whom payment may be made.

J. J. H.

Hamburg, Nov. 17, 1849. 26-1m

#### ORDINARY'S SALE.

By order of W. D. Steele, Esq., Ordinary for Pickens District, will be sold on Sale Day in January next before the Sheriff's Office, within the legal hours; a tract of Land belonging to the Estate of Thomas Bryce, dec'd., containing

#### 230 ACRES,

Lying on Coneross Creek, adjoining lands belonging to the Estate of Col. J. C. Kilpatrick, and others. Sold for partition amongst the Heirs of said deceased.

#### TERMS OF SALE.

Sold upon a credit of one and two years, except the cost, which will be required in advance, purchasers giving bond with approved Security, and a mortgage upon the premises if required by the Ordinary, to secure payment of the purchase money.

J. A. DOYLE, s. r. d.

Dec. 8, 1849. 30 ty.

#### ADMINISTRATORS' SALE.

Will be sold at the late residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Stirling, deceased, on Thursday the 20th inst., all the personal property of said Deceased, consisting of 17 Negroes, young and likely. Corn, Fodder, Oats, Wheat, Horses, Cattle, Hogs, (about 20 fat.) 15000 pounds seed Cotton; Wagon, Ox-cart, Smiths Tools, Plantation Tools; Household and Kitchen furniture, and sundry other articles;—on a credit of 12 months.

Also, the Plantation belonging to the Estate of Mrs. E. Stirling will be rented on day of sale, for the year 1850.

T. M. STIRLING

M. S. STIRLING

Dec. 3 49 2 ins Adm'rs.

#### Notice to Distributees.

The Heirs of Elizabeth Henderson, deceased, are hereby required to appear in the Court of Ordinary on the third Monday in January next, for a final settlement of said Estate.

Each Distributee will be required to render on oath a schedule of their advancements. Demands against said Estate must be presented before that time, or they will be barred by the settlement.

JOHN BOWEN, Admr.

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#### ADMINISTRATORS' SALE.

Will be sold at the late residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Caradine, deceased, on Tuesday the 11th December next, all the personal property of said deceased, consisting of a quantity of Seed Cotton, Corn, Oats, &c. &c., on a credit of 12 months with note and good security for all sums of and above three dollars—under that amount cash.

J. B. E. CARADINE, Admr

By M. M. NORTON, Agt. Nov. 10, 1849.

#### MONEY!

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of Maj. Hamilton deceased will present them to me duly attested. Those indebted to the Estate will do well to call and pay up.

A. M. HAMILTON, Admr.

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#### NOTICE.

I, Nancy Cantrell, wife of John Cantrell, a farmer residing in Pickens District, So. Co., do hereby give notice of my intention to trade as a Sole-Trader, and to exercise all the privileges of a Free-Dealer after the expiration of one month from this notice.

Occupation, Weaver and Seamstress. August 25, 1849. 15-1m

#### JAMES GEORGE Merchant Tailor.

Would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has on hand a FINE VARIETY of BROAD CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, SATINETTS, TWEEDS, KENTUCKY JEANS, &c.

AN ASSORTMENT OF READY-MADE CLOTHING

which he will sell cheap for Cash. The public are invited to call and examine his Stock, before purchasing elsewhere.

Pickens C. H. May 25, 1849.

[H. L. JEFFERS,] [W. S. CO THRAN]

[E. J. BUCKMASTER.]

#### WAREHOUSE

AND

#### Commission Merchants.

Market-Street, HAMBURG, S. C.—WATERPROOF McIntosh-Street, AUGUSTA, Ga.—FIREPROOF.

Take this method of informing their friends and the public generally, that they still continue the WAREHOUSE and COMMISSION business in this place and Augusta, Ga., where they offer their services to RECEIVE, STORE OR SELL COTTON, FLOUR, BACON, &c., RECEIVE AND FORWARD MERCHANDISE, BUY GOODS, FOR PLANTERS OR MERCHANTS.

Their Warehouse in Augusta is on McIntosh-street, in the centre of the Cotton trade.

Their Warehouse in this place, is safe from water and isolated, therefore not exposed to fire.

As they will be constantly at their post, promoting the interest of their friends (which they are aware will add to their own.) They solicit and hope to merit and receive a full share of that liberal patronage heretofore bestowed, and for which they now return thanks.

Liberal cash advances will be made, when required, on any produce in store.

JEFFERS, COTHRAN & Co.

Hamburg, Sept. 1st, 1849. 13

#### THE OCONEE STATION FOR SALE.

This place, situated in Pickens District, on the Oconee Creek, 12 miles North of Pickens C. H., and immediately on the road leading from the latter place to Clayton, Ga., contains 1000 Acres of fertile Land, which will be disposed of on terms the most advantageous to the purchaser.

As a grain and stock farm, the Oconee possesses many peculiar advantages; its fields producing abundant crops of Corn, Wheat, Rye, Oats, and Potatoes while the hills for miles around are covered during 9 months of the year with coats of the richest grasses.

On the premises there are all the necessary buildings for a well regulated Farm, including a two-story Brick Dwelling.

The narrative of this Station forming as it does, an important chapter in the early history of our State, is well known to every Carolinian, and it is equally celebrated for the purity of its atmosphere, the exuberance of its soil, and for the beauty and romantic wildness of its Scenery.

Persons wishing further particulars will please communicate with

J. A. DOYLE.

Pickens C. H., S. C.

The South Carolinian, Pendleton Messenger, and Laurensville Herald will please give the above three insertions and forward their accounts to this office.

#### Just Received!

A large and well selected assortment of Books and Stationery, consisting of Histories, Family and Pocket Bibles, School and other Books.

#### —ALSO—

A Lot of Iron, Nails, Castings, &c., &c., at the store of BENSON & TAYLOR, Pickens C. H., May 7, 1849.